

Application No.: 10/691,389
Amendment and RCE Request dated: August 31, 2005
Reply to Office Action dated: February 28, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12-13, 18-19, 21, 24, 26, 27, and 31 are rejected. Claims 3-4, 6-7, 15-17, 20, 22-23, and 28-30 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if placed in independent form.

Claims 1, 18 and 31 have been amended.

Claims 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12-13, 18-19, 21, 24, 26, 27, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0087253 to Mahadev et al., now U.S. Patent No. 6,916,227 (hereinafter "Mahadev").

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12-13, 18-19, 21, 24, 26, 27, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Mahadev. Mahadev discloses a system and method for processing a slider (*See Abstract*).

Applicants respectfully submit that Mahadev fails to teach or suggest partially wrapping a side edge between a front and rear face of each slider, as claimed in claims 1, 18, and 31. As can be seen by examining Figures 3 and 4, Mahadev shows wrapping an edge of the front or rear face of each slider. Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that elements of claim 1, 18, and 31 are neither shown nor suggested by the cited reference. Claims 2, 5, 8-9, 12-13, 19, 21, 24, 26, and 27 depend from claims 1, 18, and 31. Accordingly reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2, 5, 8-9, 12-13, 18-19, 21, 24, 26, 27, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

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Request for Allowance

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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